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In re Application of

Docket No.: 2038-230

N. SHIMOE et al.

Serial No. 09/458,077

Filed: December 10, 1999

Group Art Unit: 3761

Examiner: M. Kidwell

DISPOSABLE BODY FLUIDS ABSORBENT ARTICLE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

[X] No additional fee is required.

] Small entity status of this application has been established.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

] Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF	HIGHEST	EXTRA	RATE	FEE
*******	CLAIMS	PREVIOUSLY	CLAIMS		
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Total Claims	17	20	0	x \$ 18 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1	3	0	x \$ 80 =	\$ 0.00
	If multiple claims newly presented, add \$260.00				\$0.00
	Fee for extension of time			\$0.00	
•			7	TOTAL FEE DUE	\$ 0.00

[] A check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1337, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

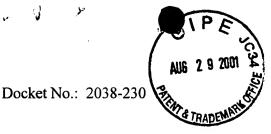
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For: DISPOSABLE BODY FLUID ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING LONGITUDINAL

SIDE GROOVE (As Amended)

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Official Action dated May 30, 2001.

IN THE TITLE:

Please change the title to:

--DISPOSABLE BODY FLUID ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING LONGITUDINAL SIDE GROOVE--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the originally filed Specification with the attached Specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1-5 without prejudice.